

## **NAVY MEN'S HEAVYWEIGHT CREW HISTORY**

One of the oldest sports at the Naval Academy, the crew program began over 135 years ago when intramural crews raced in craft similar to whale boats.

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In the 1960s, Navy continued to vie for national honors under Paul Quinn, who had taken over from Lindsay. The Mids won the Eastern Sprints in 1961 and the Varsity Challenge Cup at the IRAs in 1965.

On May 27, 1933, the varsity crews of Harvard, Navy and Penn met on the Charles River with a new cup as the prize for the victor. The perpetual trophy honors Charles Francis Adams, a Harvard graduate and Secretary of the Navy, and was placed into competition by these three institutions. Harvard, Navy and Penn had engaged in the same regatta since 1928 without an award. In 1932, the regatta was held in Annapolis, Md., and Harvard's Eskey Clark, Navy's Commander James L. Hall Jr., and Penn's C. Louis Borie III conceived the idea of the perpetual trophy.  
Harvard - Charles; Navy - Severn; Penn - Schuylkill

## **MEN'S HEAVYWEIGHT CREW Harvard-Penn-Navy Adams Cup Results**

<b>Year</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Third</b>	<b>Fourth</b>
1928	Harvard	7:13.2	Penn	7:16
1965	13	Harvard	8:53.5	Navy
1966	12	Harvard	6:42.2	Penn
1967	3	Harvard	8:50.5	Penn
1968	13	Harvard	6:05.7	Penn
1969	12	Penn	6:30	Harvard
			6:36.4	Navy
				6:50.9

## ***Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA)***

Columbia, Cornell and Pennsylvania were the organizing stewards of the IRA Regatta first held on the Hudson River at Poughkeepsie, New York. The format through 1967 with the exception of 1964 was to line all the entries in the race onto stake-boats and fire a shotgun for the start. In the last race of this format in 1967 on Lake Onondaga, sixteen varsity crews waited for the gun to begin their three mile race - winner take all. The format was changed in the Olympic year, 1968, to heats and finals over a 2000 meter, six-lane course. This heat-rep-final, six-lane, 2000 meter format continues today.

<u><b>Year</b></u>	<u><b>Place</b></u>	<u><b>Dist.</b></u>	<u><b>Event/Boat</b></u>	<u><b>Time</b></u>	<u><b>1<sup>st</sup></b></u>
<u><b>2<sup>nd</sup></b></u>	<u><b>3<sup>rd</sup></b></u>				
<b>1965</b>	<b>Syracuse</b>	<b>3 mi.</b>	<b>Varsity/8s</b>	<b>16:51.3</b>	
	<b>Navy</b>	<b>Cornell</b>	<b>Washington</b>		

<b>Navy</b>	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>Rutgers</b>	<b>3 mi. Second/8s</b>	<b>17:07.5</b>
<b>Navy</b>	<b>Dartmouth</b>	<b>Washington</b>	<b>2 mi. Freshman/8s</b>	<b>11:03.4</b>
<b>1966 Syracuse</b>		<b>3 mi. Varsity/8s</b>	<b>16:03.4</b>	
<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>Navy</b>	<b>Princeton</b>		
<b>Dartmouth</b>	<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>Cornell</b>	<b>3 mi. Second/8s</b>	<b>16:25.1</b>
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>Princeton</b>	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>2 mi. Freshman/8s</b>	<b>10:33.5</b>
<b>1967 Syracuse</b>		<b>3 mi. Varsity/8s</b>	<b>16:13.9</b>	
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>Cornell</b>		
<b>Navy</b>	<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>3 mi. Second/8s</b>	<b>17:28.2</b>
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>Rutgers</b>	<b>Washington</b>	<b>2 mi. Freshman/8s</b>	<b>10:37.4</b>
<b>1968 Syracuse</b>		<b>2 km. Varsity/8s</b>	<b>6:15.6</b>	
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>Washington</b>	<b>Princeton</b>		
<b>6:24.2 Pennsylvania</b>	<b>Orange Coast</b>	<b>Navy</b>	<b>2 km. Second/8s</b>	
<b>6:18.6 Pennsylvania</b>	<b>Princeton</b>	<b>Dartmouth</b>	<b>2 km. Freshman/8s</b>	
<b>1969 Syracuse</b>		<b>2 km. Varsity/8s</b>	<b>6:30.4</b>	
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>Dartmouth</b>	<b>Washington</b>		
<b>Cornell</b>	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>2 km. Second/8s</b>	<b>6:26.6</b>
<b>Washington (dead heat)</b>	<b>Brown</b>		<b>2 km. Freshman/8s</b>	<b>6:27.4 Penn -</b>

### **Wisconsin - Men's Rowing**

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In honor of the Wisconsin men's varsity eight winning the 2008 Intercollegiate Rowing Association national championship, we are taking a look back at all of the Wisconsin men's rowing titles. Today we take a look back at the 1966 IRA champions.

Historically speaking, men's rowing is an interesting beast. There have been different attempts over the years to determine a 'true' varsity eight national champion. There appear to be two successful stretches in determining an official national champion to date. The first came in the form of the National Collegiate Rowing Championships, which took place from 1983-96 in Cincinnati. The second success is the current format in place since 2002 at the Intercollegiate Rowing Association National Championships. Other than

these two stretches, IRA Regatta conflicts with the Harvard-Yale race and various other circumstances prevented any kind of official championship. With all that in mind, Wisconsin can comfortably claim three official national championships and an additional six unofficial titles. The Badgers can argue for one more title, depending on how you spin things. Therefore, Wisconsin stakes its claim to three official national championships, and a total of either nine or 10 national championships.

### **A Haircut Helps Badgers Win 1966 IRA Championship**

In what is a theme throughout the history the early IRA titles for Wisconsin, the Badgers entered the 1966 IRA Championships nowhere near the discussion as to the favorites for the varsity eight race. Washington was proclaimed the favorite by the New York Times and other publications, while Navy was a popular choice as a contender. Cornell, Brown and Pennsylvania also garnered some talk as title hopefuls, but Wisconsin was outside the conversation.

That isn't surprising as the Badgers were cruising along in a season with a loss in the Cochrane Cup race to Dartmouth and a ninth-place finish at Eastern Sprints. However, both those earlier races were over 2000 meters, while the 1966 IRAs would be raced over three miles.

Wisconsin would win by over a half boat length in a time of 16:03.4. Navy, which had beaten the Badgers over one and three-quarters of a mile on Lake Mendota the week before, placed second in 16:05.7. Prerace favorite and previously unbeaten Washington finished a distant 11th in the race.

Once again Harvard, the Eastern Sprints champion, did not race in the 1966 IRAs due to its annual conflict with its race against Yale. They did finish the season undefeated and claim the year as one of the school's unofficial national championships. At Eastern Sprints, Harvard won over second-place Brown and third-place Cornell, two boats the Badgers would later defeat comfortably at the IRA.